GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4265
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
INDIAN CITIZENSHIP
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some of the individuals born in undivided India and living in India since 1954 have not been granted citizenship;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide them citizenship?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): A foreigner is required to make an application for grant of Indian citizenship. The powers to grant citizenship to a person of Indian origin were vested in the Collector of the district till 31.3.1986. Thereafter, every such application, as and when received through the State Government, is considered by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955.This is an ongoing process.